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POLITICAL

SPECULATIONS ON CHANGE IN JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY TACTICS -- Tokyo
Shimbun, 30 May 60

A 30 May 1960 Tokyo Shimbun feature article, "JCP Riding on the Tide of the Security Treaty Struggle," asserted that it has been the Japan Communist Party's policy to gain members by "lying low" with the objective of forming a Communist Party-directed united front through the Security Treaty struggle and of using this front in the future as the mother body in pursuing a revolution. The article pointed out that during the 26 May Diet petition demonstration, Communist Diet Member Shiga Yoshio attempted "desperately" to prevent 10,000 National Federation of Students Self-Government Associations (Zengakuren) mainstream students from making a forced entry into the Premier's official residence. At a meeting of the People's Council Against the Revision of the Security Treaty in early May, the article noted, a Communist Party representative requested the expulsion of the federation mainstreamers from the council membership.

The article continued that the public security authorities believe that the objective of the party's "lying low" policy is to strengthen the joint struggle organ and to form it into a permanent people's democratic united front and that therefore the Communist Party is "very much afraid" of the disturbance of the united front by the student federation "Trotskyites."

[Comment: According to newspaper reports, Japan Communist Party members and National Federation of Students Self-Government Associations antimainstreamers (Communist Party faction) surrounded White House Press Secretary Hagerty on 10 June at Haneda Airport and Communist members were seen participating in the riotous entry into the Diet on 15 June. This could mean that the Japan Communist Party has switched (at least temporarily) from its policy of "lying low" to "resort-to-force" tactics, previously a policy pursued only by the student federation mainstreamers. In the past, many of these mainstreamers, branded as "Trotskyites" by the Japan Communist Party, were ousted by the party.]

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SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS OF LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY SCORED FOR "OPPORTUNIST AND REVISIONIST" VIEWS -- Leipzig, Leipziger Volkszeitung, 27 May 60

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"Opportunist and revisionist view which have existed for a long time...in the party organizations" within several social science departments, especially in economics, law, and history, are considered by Paul Froehlich, First Secretary of the SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) Leipzig Bezirk management, to be the chief reason for the lag in the development of the social sciences at Leipzig University. According to the 27 May 1960 issue of the Leipzig Leipziger Volkszeitung, Froehlich asserted this in the latest Bezirk party report. He said that the repeated demand of the party to give more support to the ideological fight by contributing scientific works is not an important factor in all party organizations in Leipzig social science departments. He gave as examples of the ideological fight disagreement with West German militarism and with the increasing number of examples of historical falsification by West German militarists and stressed that this fight is not being decisively carried on.

ITALIAN PEACE COMMITTEE URGES JAPANESE PARTISANS TO RESIST US TREATY -- Rome, L'Unita, 11 Jun 60

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On 10 June 1960, the National Directing Committee of the Italian Peace Movement sent a telegram of solidarity to the Japanese Peace Partisans encouraging the Japanese to disavow their treaty with the US.

ECONOMIC

COAL SHORTAGE AFFECTS CHINESE PRODUCTION -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 6 Jun 60, p 3

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Some coal consuming units in China are being affected by a coal shortage, although many coal mines have excessive piles of coal accumulated. This was reported in the Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao of 6 June 1960, which also said that even though the average volume of coal transported by railway during 1-10 May 1960 was 50,000 metric tons more daily than in January, "the supply of coal still lagged behind the demand of the leap forward production."

SOVIET SPRING PLANTING COMPLETED -- Moscow, Sel'skaya Zhizn', 3 Jun 60

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The USSR has completed its spring crop planting: 134 million hectares by 31 May 1960, or 99.9 percent of plan. Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the RSFSR have fulfilled the plan 99.2 percent; Ukrainian SSR,

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105 percent; Kazakh SSR, 100.5 percent; and Belorussian SSR, 98 percent. Some 73,602,000 hectares, or 104 percent of plan, has been planted to grain and grain pulses, excluding corn, but including 48,173,000 hectares of resown winter crops. The wheat plan was 108 percent fulfilled; over 24 million hectares has been planted to corn. The checkrow method has been applied to 92 percent of the sugar beet fields, 91 percent of the corn fields, and 64 percent of the cotton plantations.

[Comment: See also Foreign Press Bulletin for 14 June 1960 for earlier statistics on spring planting.]

SOCIOLOGICAL

ITALY-USSR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY CALLS FOR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IN ITALIAN SCHOOLS -- Rome, L'Unita, 14 May 60

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The Italy-USSR Association is preparing to call for legislation in the Italian Parliament to have Russian taught as an elective subject in all Italian secondary schools, the official Italian Communist Party daily L'Unita of 14 May 1960 reported in an article by Alberto Carpitella.

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